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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT IN GABON

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1. FONMIN ACTION OFFICER CALLED EMBASSY OCT 14 WITH STATUS REPORT RE VIETNAMESE FISHING VILLAGE RESETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WHICH SHOWS UNFORTUNATE LACK OF PROGRESS.
2. ACTION OFFICER GAVE FONMIN OKUMBA EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE OCT 8 AND INFORMED HIM OF URGENCY OF REQUEST FOR GOG APPROVAL. OKUMBA PROMISED DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT BONGO, BUT BOTH BONGO AND OKUMBA LEFT LIBREVILLE MORNING OCT 11 FOR EXTENSIVE OVERSEAS TOUR. VIETNAMESE RESETTLEMENT EVIDENTLY NOT DEALT WITH PRIOR THEIR DEPARTURE, ACCORDING ACTION OFFICER, AND NO INSTRUCTIONS LEFT BY OKUMBA FOR HANDLING MATTER IN HIS ABSENCE.
3. ACTION OFFICER WILL TAKE UP RESETTLEMENT WITH SEC STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS REKANGALT, BUT WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL LATTER RETURNS OCT 16 OR 17 FROM WEEK'S TRIP TO PORT GENTIL.
4. COMMENT: REKANGALT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY DECLINE TO ACT IN ABSENCE BONGO AND OKUMBA WHO NOT DUE BACK UNTIL END OF MONTH. IF THIS PESSIMISTIC EXPECTATION FULFILLED, AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK AP-

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POINTMENT TO RAISE VIETNAMESE RESETTLEMENT WITH BONGO PERSONALLY

AS SOON AFTER PRESIDENT'S RETURN AS MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED.
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